

The Update for December 2025

Instructions for unlocking or reactivating Sp-ICE accounts is now available on the Sp-ICE webpage

The guidance is in the 'Information for Sp-ICE users' section of the [Sp-ICE webpage](#).

Helen Cerullo - Senior Delivery Lead, Clinical Services Product Centre

Clinical issue of apheresis platelets in platelet additive solution (PAS) and plasma starts 12 January 2026 from a pilot site

We are pleased to announce we will start issuing this new component next year, alongside the current apheresis platelets in plasma. You may receive either component after 12 January. Please refer to our [frequently asked questions \(PDF 484KB\)](#) for more information.

Please ensure the relevant clinical areas in your hospital are aware of this new component and your LIMS (Laboratory Information Management System) is updated with the component barcodes. The barcodes are available on the [component portfolio and prices webpage](#)

If you have any questions email michelle.ray@nhsbt.nhs.uk. Michelle is the Projects and Operational Support Lead in the Technical and Scientific Development team.

Rukhsana Hashmat - Customer Service Manager, North West Hospital Customer Service

11,000 requests for the Blood Group Genotyping test from January to November 2025

We have now received over 11,000 requests for patients from across England with sickle cell and thalassaemia, and we would like you to refer even more. We can accept samples for NHS England patients free of charge until 31 March 2026.

[Please refer to our October update for information about the acceptance criteria](#)

Kate Downes - Genomics Programme Director

Book now to attend transfusion science courses, NHS England (NHSE) funded places are available

We are delighted to announce we are running more Practical Introduction to Transfusion Science (PITS) and Specialist Transfusion Science Practice (STSP) courses, to meet demand.

NHSE funded places are available for NHS staff in England on a first-come, first-served basis. There are also some funded places for the Advanced Transfusion Masterclass course.

[View the course information on the Learning Centre website](#)

Sally Procter - Manager, Scientific and Clinical Training and Education (SCTE)

Further delay to elfh hub transfer to the Learning Hub

NHS England have notified us that there is a further delay to the transfer of our eLearning modules to the new learning zone platform, this is now not expected to happen until early 2026.

NHS England are still unable to provide a specific date for transfer, but they will give us two weeks advance notice. Once the notification is received, we will inform you as soon as possible. Details of how to access and search the new platform, following the transfer, will be provided in due course.

We appreciate that it will be necessary for you to recommence staff transfusion training in the intervening period but please remember that all module progress and historical data will be lost during the transfer.

Note: Organisations that use AICC or the Electronic Staff Record (ESR) platform will not be affected. eIntegrity users will be informed directly if and when their access will be disrupted.

Anne Davidson - Education Lead, Patient Blood Management

The SHOT newsletter for December 2025 is now available

In this newsletter, you will find the highlights from 2025, including new resources, educational activities, and collaborative projects. Throughout this year, SHOT launched a new website and the My Transfusion app, and began its journey on LinkedIn, promoting resources and activities to improve transfusion safety. There were many special moments worth remembering and celebrating.

As we approach the end of the year, the SHOT team would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone in the transfusion community. Your dedication, expertise, and valuable contributions to haemovigilance activities have been instrumental in advancing transfusion safety. Together, we have shared knowledge and insights, produced educational resources, and made meaningful progress towards enhancing safety.

We wish you peace, joy, and renewal during this festive period. Looking ahead, we are excited for a New Year filled with continued collaboration, innovation, and collective efforts to further improve transfusion safety. Thank you for being part of this vital journey - your commitment truly makes a difference.

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